

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/666,164
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

REMARKS

Initially, the undersigned would like to thank Examiner Wright for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of December 1, 1998. In accordance with the telephone interview, Applicant submits the present Amendment. Claims 1-143 are pending in the present application, with claims 35-47, 51, 52 and 58-143 being withdrawn from consideration.

In the present Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 2, 3 and 25 (to make clarifying changes as suggested by the Examiner). As mentioned at the telephone interview, Applicant will file divisional applications in connection with claims withdrawn from consideration.

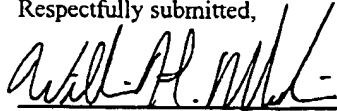
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the non-withdrawn claims 1-34, 48-50, 53-57 are in allowable condition.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to forward this application to the Board in order to provoke an interference with U.S. Patent No. 5,573,477. It should be noted that it is not necessary for all pending claims to be in allowable condition before an application can be forwarded to the Board; it is only required that one claim be patentable over the prior art interfere with an issued patent (*See* 37 C.F.R. § 603). Therefore, the Examiner is requested to forward this case to the Board.

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Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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